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REF: LONDON A-1244

1. DRAFT MINUTES REVIEWED BY BASHKIN WHO ONLY WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE PRESENT AT SUBJECT MEETING. ON BASIS HIS RECOLLECTION AND NOTES, HE AGREES FULLY WITH LONDON COMMENTS IN A-1244 AND SUGGESTS US PROPOSE TEXT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES FOR PARAGRAPHS RELATING TO PROGRAM, ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS AND ESTIMATES:

2. PROGRAM (PARAGRAPH 2 OF MINUTES). THE COMMITTEE SET IN HAND AS OUTLINED BELOW THE COLLECTION AND PREPARATION OF FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE BASIS OF WHICH IT COULD CONTINUE ITS WORK. IT AGREED TO MEET IN LONDON FROM 18 TO 22 MARCH 1974 TO CONSIDER THIS NEW INFORMATION AND OTHER DOCUMENTS, AS NOTED BELOW. IT ENVISAGED THAT IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO HOLD A SHORT FURTHER MEETING IN JUNE 1974 TO FINALIZE ITS REPORT.

3. ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS. THE COMMITTEE AGREED WITH THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY A NUMBER OF MEMBERS THAT THE ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS FOR NATURAL AND SYNTHETIC RUBBER WAS POSSIBLY UNCLASSIFIED

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THE MOST IMPORTANT SUBJECT COVERED IN THE RECOMMENDATIONS

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OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ITEM AND OF QUESTIONS RAISED BY SEVERAL OF THE COMMITTEE MEMBERS, THE SECRETARY GENERAL WAS

REQUESTED TO QUERY THE MEMBERS OF THE EXPERT GROUP AS TO THEIR CURRENT VIEW OF THE SITUATION, AND AS TO WHETHER THEY WISHED TO CONFIRM OR MODIFY THEIR PREVIOUS ESTIMATE. THE STEERING COMMITTEE WOULD THEN RECONSIDER RECOMMENDATION 8 DURING THE MARCH MEETING.

4. STATISTICS. (RECOMMENDATIONS 9, 10). FIRST PARA: NO CHANGE. SECOND PARA: DELETE, AS COVERED BY ASSESSMENT OF PROSPECTS. THIRD PARA: MODIFY AS FOLLOWS:

5. ESTIMATES. THE STEERING COMMITTEE AGREED THAT IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO HAVE ESTIMATES OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND 15 YEARS AHEAD, RECOGNIZING THAT THESE WOULD INVOLVE A NUMBER OF UNCERTAIN FACTORS. NO CONCLUSION WAS REACHED AS TO WHO WOULD PREPARE THE ESTIMATE FOR THE IRSG. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE ESTIMATE PREPARED BY THE IRSG SHOULD BE COMPARED WITH ESTIMATES AVAILABLE FROM OTHER SOURCES.

PARAGRAPH FOLLOWING NUMBER 8: DELETE.

NO CHANGES ARE SUGGESTED FOR BALANCE OF DRAFT MINUTES. RUSH

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